

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An acoustic emission system for objectively measuring tactile skin attributes and methods of using same. The system includes:

- 5 (A) Means for generating an acoustic emission signal from skin;
- (B) Means for collecting, storing and displaying said emission signal;
- (C) means for correlating said emission signal with an attribute of said skin;

wherein said system is used as a clinical tool to evaluate efficacy of cosmetic skin care and/or cleansing products. A cosmetic product selection system is also provided
10 which includes a cosmetic composition for reducing the appearance of undesirable skin attributes and an acoustic emission system associated with the composition.
A method for assessing tactile skin attributes using an acoustic emission system, as well as of evaluating progress of the combat against the signs of undesirable skin attributes occurring over a period of time within which the composition is applied to an
15 area of skin being monitored is provided.